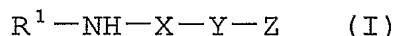


CLAIMS

1. An aqueous composition comprising a thiazole derivative of the formula (I):



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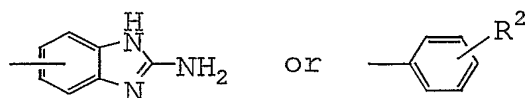
R^1 is acyl;

X is a bivalent residue derived from optionally substituted thiazole;

Y is a bond, lower alkylene, lower alkenylene or -CONH-;

10 and

Z is a group of the formula:



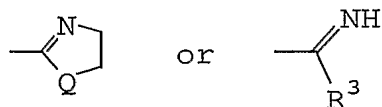
wherein R^2 is a group of the formula: -A-B-D-E

wherein A is a bond, lower alkylene, -NH- or -SO₂-;

15 B is a bond, lower alkylene, -CO- or -O-;

D is a bond, lower alkylene, -NH- or -CH₂NH-, provided that when B is -CO- or -O-, D is not a bond; and

E is optionally protected amino, -N=CH₂,



20 wherein

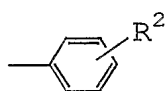
Q is -S- or -NH-; and

R^3 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkylthio or -NH- R^4 wherein R^4 is hydrogen, -NH₂ or

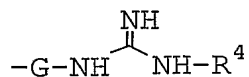
lower alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and an additive selected from the group consisting of polyol, sugar, sugar alcohol, boric acid or its salt, and water.

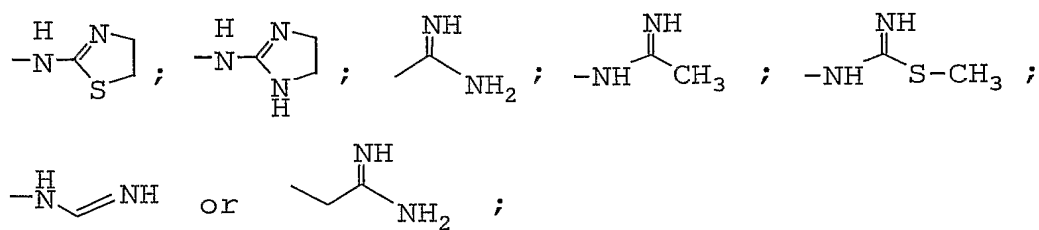
- 5 2. The composition of claim 1, wherein Z of the formula (I) is a group of the formula:



wherein R^2 is a group of the formula:

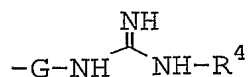


- 10 (wherein G is a bond, $-NHCOCH_2-$ or lower alkylene and R^4 is hydrogen, $-NH_2$ or lower alkyl); $-NH_2$; $-CH_2NH_2$; $-CH_2ONH_2$; $-CH_2ON=CH_2$;

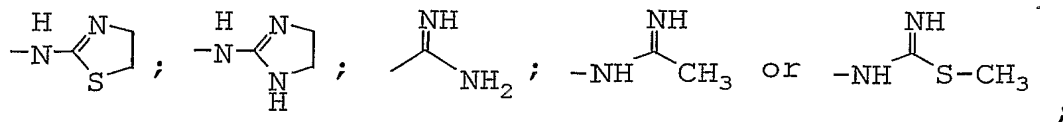


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 15 3. The composition of claim 2, wherein R^2 of the formula (I) is a group of the formula:



(wherein G is a bond, $-NHCOCH_2-$ or lower alkylene and R^4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl); $-CH_2NH_2$; $-CH_2ONH_2$; $-CH_2ON=CH_2$;



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. The composition of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein R¹ of the formula (I) is alkylcarbonyl and X is a bivalent residue derived from thiazole optionally substituted by methylsulfonylbenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the thiazole derivative is

N-{4-[2-(4-{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide,

N-{4-[2-(4-{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide,

N-{4-[2-(4-{[hydrazino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide,

N-{4-[2-(4-{[hydrazino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide, or

N-(4-{2-[4-(2-

{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}ethyl)phenyl]ethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.